

## **Appendix B**

### **Description and Photo-Documentation of Field Work Activities 2005-2007**

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## **Introduction**

The Environmental Engineering Research Program (EERP) at the University of the Pacific (UOP) is the lead scientific agency on several water quality and ecosystem restoration projects focused on understanding and improving water quality in the San Joaquin River (SJR). EERP projects include the development of a mass balance on phytoplankton and oxygen demanding materials in the SJR, evaluation of organic carbon sources and fate in the SJR, studies of wetland ecosystems, and studies examining the impact of current agricultural best management practices (BMPs) on water quality. For all of these projects, water quality and water flow must be measured at numerous locations throughout the watershed.

EERP works in cooperation with local, State, and Federal scientists and stakeholders to maintain a network of flow and water quality monitoring stations throughout its study region. The field research program effort includes water quality sampling (grab sampling), flow measurement, continuous flow monitoring station maintenance, quality assurance (QA), and flow rating events, as well as activities associated with directed scientific studies, such as deployment of continuous chlorophyll monitors to measure temporal variation in phytoplankton growth kinetics. Major objectives of the field research program are to support stakeholder flow monitoring efforts, maintain a high level of quality control on all flow and water quality monitoring activities, organize collected data for scientific and engineering analysis, and collect data in support of modeling efforts. The purpose of this report is to document EERP field activities for the 2005-2007 field seasons.

## **Methods**

Field notebooks were used to document all field activities. The field activity summaries document field activities by day for 2005-2007. Each field activity summary includes a brief description of the objectives and the work performed. Each day was categorized with appropriate heading. Available photographs were included to provide further documentation. Any problems encountered in the field were documented in the field notebook and activity report. Each field day is categorized using headings of sampling, station maintenance and QA, extended deployment, or station upgrades, where applicable.

Equipment used in EERP field work is listed in Table 1. In 2005-2007, sampling events were categorized into Core sampling, Intermittent sampling, Wetland sampling, BMP sampling, and Extended Deployment sampling. The designations correspond to specific sampling lists and schedules developed to assist EERP field teams in organizing their activities. Core sampling events included up to 25 sampling sites. Wetland sampling events included up to 20 sites. BMP sampling included up to 17 sites. The number of sites sampled on Extended Deployment sampling events and Intermittent sampling events varied to accommodate specific scientific objectives. A comprehensive site list is provided in Table 2.

### *Sampling and Water Quality Measurements*

At each location for each sampling event, water quality data was collected using an YSI 6600 multi-parameter sonde connected to an YSI 650 MDS handset (YSI Inc., Yellow Springs, CO). The sonde was deployed and programmed to log a reading for every parameter every four seconds for at least two minutes, providing a statistically significant sample size ( $n > 30$ )

(Graham and Hanlon, 2008). The parameters measured by the sonde at each site included time, temperature (°C), electrical conductivity (mS/cm), total dissolved solids (g/L), dissolved oxygen (DO) percent, DO concentration (mg/L), DO charge, depth (ft), pH, oxidation-reduction potential (mV), turbidity (NTU), chlorophyll content (ug/L), fluorescence, and barometric pressure (mmHg).

While the sonde logged water quality data, water samples were collected and incident sunlight and water-velocity were measured (to document current field conditions) (Graham and Hanlon, 2008; Puckett, 2002). Water samples were collected in three different types of bottles: glass 1 liter bottles (Wheaton Science Products, Millville, NJ), 1 liter Trace-Clean plastic bottles (VWR International, West Chester, PA), and 250 mL Trace-Clean plastic bottles (VWR International)] in accordance with requirements for different lab analyses (Borglin et al., 2008). Samples were depth integrated and stored at 4°C after sampling. Light measurements were taken using a handheld LUX meter (Control Company, Friendswood, TX). Velocity measurements were taken with a model 2000 flow-meter (Marsh-McBirney, Frederick, MD) (Graham and Hanlon, 2008).

#### *Station Maintenance and QA*

Station maintenance included downloading data from the station logger, cleaning the EC probe, checking the bubbler line for leaks, clearing weir and instruments of debris, and inspecting equipment for damage. Oftentimes QA was performed at the same time as station maintenance. QA was performed on EC and flow.

For QA on the EC probe, the probe was cleaned with a small brush and the probe EC values were compared to an independently calibrated YSI sonde placed into the water adjacent to the other probe. If the EC probe showed more than 10% difference from the calibrated reference sensor, the probe was re-cleaned and basic maintenance performed, such as checking connections. If the probe continued to give low quality data, typically the only repair was to replace the faulty probe.

A QA value (rating measurement) for flow depended on the site being visited. If the site had a sharp crested weir structure, a weir stick (Cal Poly ITRC, San Luis Obispo, CA) measured flow and the flow measurement was entered into the QA and rating record. When the site did not have a sharp-crested weir, a cross-channel flow rating was taken by wading, using a handheld flow meter and measuring tape strung across the channel. Average water velocity was then taken at 60 percent depth from the bottom at set intervals across the stream channel, usually every foot but varied depending on the channel width. Flow was calculated by multiplying cross-sectional area of each section by the velocity for that section and adding sectional flows to obtain a total flow, or discharge, for the site. At all sites the staff gauge was recorded as the QA value and compared with in-situ stage measuring equipment. Discrepancies between manual ratings and continuous measurement were resolved by any number of means, up to and including replacing or moving the location of monitoring stations.

### *Extended Deployment*

Extended deploy field events included taking sondes and leaving them at specific sites for an extended period of time, usually lasting two weeks (Graham and Hanlon, 2008). Extended deploy events were often in conjunction with a sampling event. Grab samples provided starting and ending water quality samples to compare with the extended deployment sonde values.

Sondes were calibrated the day before being placed in the field and modified with longer wiper brushes to better keep the sensors free of algae and debris. They were programmed to run unattended for the length of deployment. At the time of deployment, sondes were put into black PVC housings protecting the equipment from damage while at the site. Sondes were attached with a cable and padlock to an anchor, such as a metal post or bridge pylon. Once deployed, sondes were left unattended for periods of approximately two weeks. Upon conclusion of the deployment sondes were retrieved and placed into coolers to keep the membranes moist until post-calibration could be performed. Post-calibration was completed within twenty-four hours of deployment. After being post-calibrated sondes were cleaned with water, the DO membranes and batteries were changed, and the extended deploy wipers were removed (Graham and Hanlon, 2008).

### *Dye Studies*

Dye study field events involved injecting Rhodamine dye into the site water and then using sondes to track the progress of the dye to measure flow within the target sampling area. Dye studies were performed on the San Joaquin River and the San Luis Drain. The dye study on the San Joaquin River involved the use of a boat floating with the current to measure the progress of the dye. On the San Luis Drain dye was injected and sondes were placed at specific points downstream to measure the progress of the dye. Flow could then be determined from the distance between sites and the time interval between detection of the dye.

### *Station Up-Grades*

Activities performed during flow station upgrades depended on what was being done to the specific site. Upgrades often consisted of installing new equipment. A list of equipment used for flow measurement is listed in Table 1. Frequently upgraded equipment included bubbler units, Doppler flow meters, EC probes, and weir boards. A list of equipment for each upgrade was compiled and measurements were made for any equipment lines, weir boards or other materials that needed to be added to the station. Materials and supplies were purchased and brought back to UOP allowing easier access to a wider range of tools that could not be brought out to the field. Work was completed at UOP and the materials were brought to the site often needing to be cut or bent. The equipment was installed and lines were run from the station house to the equipment.

## Results

During 2005-2007 crews went into the field a total of 201 times. Of these 201 trips, 128 were sampling events, 37 were flow ratings, 2 were dye studies, and the other 32 times consisted of station upgrades, training sessions, meetings, field reconnaissance, and station maintenance. Core sites were sampled 58 times, Wetland sites 27 times, Intermittent sites 12 times, Extended Deploy sites 18 times, BMP sites 9 times, San Luis Drain sites 3 times during San Luis Drain studies, San Luis Drain Shutoff sites 8 times, and San Luis Drain TOC sites 1 time. Grasslands monitoring and QA was performed 8 times and Westside monitoring and QA was performed 28 times.

During the 2005 field season crews went into the field a total of 47 times. Of these 47 trips, 30 were sampling events, 8 were flow ratings and station maintenance, 2 were San Luis Drain sampling events, 2 were dye studies, the other 5 times consisted of field reconnaissance, meetings, and training sessions. Core sites were sampled 18 times, Wetland sites 7 times, Intermittent sites 4 times, San Luis Drain TOC sites 1 time, and the San Luis Drain was sampled 1 time during the San Luis Drain study. Grasslands monitoring and QA was performed 1 time, Wetlands monitoring and QA was performed 1 time and Westside monitoring and QA was performed 6 times. A dye study was conducted 1 time on the San Joaquin River and 1 time on the San Luis Drain. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Hanlon, Jesse Merkel, and William Stringfellow attended a confined space training session with the Stockton Fire Department at the Port of Stockton.

During the 2006 field season crews went into the field a total of 80 times. Of these 80 trips, 43 were sampling events, 16 were flow ratings, and the other 21 times consisted of station upgrades, training sessions, meetings, and station maintenance. Core sites were sampled 21 times, Wetland sites 12 times, Extended Deploy sites 4 times, BMP sites 3 times, Intermittent sites 2 times, and the San Luis Drain was sampled 1 time during the San Luis Drain study. Grasslands monitoring and QA was performed 6 times and Westside monitoring and QA was performed 10 times.

During the 2007 field season crews went into the field a total of 74 times. Of these 74 trips, 55 were sampling events, 13 were flow ratings, and the other 6 times consisted of station upgrades, field reconnaissance, meetings, and station maintenance. Core sites were sampled 19 times, Wetland sites 8 times, Extended Deploy sites 14 times, BMP sites 6 times, Intermittent sites 6 times, San Luis Drain Shutoff sites 8 times, and the San Luis Drain was sampled 1 time during the San Luis Drain study. Grasslands monitoring and QA was performed 1 time and Westside monitoring and QA was performed 12 times.

Occasionally equipment failures were discovered during station maintenance events. Most equipment failures were fixed in the field, other times equipment had to be switched out and taken back to the Hydraulics Lab at UOP to be fixed. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 the EC probe and cable were replaced at DO-68 S-Lake Basin and Fremont Drain next to DO-46 Mud Slough at Gun Club Road. The Starflow at DO-35 Westley Wasteway was removed on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and brought back to UOP to troubleshoot. It was reinstalled on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. The swage fitting on the bubbler line at DO-33 Hospital Creek was found to be leaking on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and was fixed by removing and reassembling the fitting. On the same day the EC cable was replaced at DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen. The Starflow unit at DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain was removed to troubleshoot back at UOP on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and

reinstalled on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the Starflow at DO-35 Westley Wasteway was ripped out and had to be reinstalled. A new Starflow unit was installed at DO-62 Mallard Slough on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The bubbler line pipe at DO-64 Moran Drain was loose and anchors were put into the concrete on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to support the pipe. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the pressure transducer at DO-68 S-Lake Basin was non-functional. The cable for the pressure transducer was measured for a replacement sensor to be installed. January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain had a leaky bubbler line that was fixed by having the line removed and connections retightened. DO-35 Westley Wasteway Flow Station had a short circuit with the Starflow, due to a damaged cable, that made the logger freeze. The logger was removed on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and reinstalled on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and the Starflow cable was disconnected from the logger. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 DO-38 Marshall Drain Road had a leaky bubbler that was fixed by removing the "T" valve. The Design Analysis (Logan, Utah) logger unit at DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain was reporting errors when downloading data on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The logger was replaced on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 the steel cables attached to the EC sensors at the Westside Stations were found to be corroded and were replaced on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the bubbler unit at DO-36 Del Puerto Creek was found with an unusually high tank pressure. The bubbler unit was switched out and brought back to the Hydraulics Lab at UOP on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to troubleshoot. The unit was found to be functional and a clog in the line was discovered and cleared out on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the weir structures at DO-38 Marshall Road Drain and DO-65 Spanish Grant Drain were found to be full of sediment. The drains were cleared out in January of 2008. The station at DO-57 Ramona Lake was repaired on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 after being washed out in the April 2006 floods. Sediment was cleared from behind the weir boards at DO-35 Westley Wasteway on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and from DO-34 Ingram Creek on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the EERP boat started to have problems with its engine performance. The jet drive on the boat was clogged with a few small twigs that prevented it from performing correctly. Jeremy Hanlon disassembled the jet drive on the boat and cleared out the twigs returning the boat to its full performance.

Sometimes natural events, such as storms, washed out a station. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the sensors and bridge at DO-20 Los Banos Creek Flow Station were found washed out. The bridge was replaced by Grasslands Water District in March 2006 and the bubbler installed September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and the Sontek installed October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. On Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 DO-45 Volta Wasteway at Ingomar Grade the staff gauge was remounted on a metal pole because the first (wood) fixture had rotted out. The station at DO-57 Ramona Lake was washed out in the 2006 April floods and was repaired in March 2007. Occasionally there were problems with the wiper that cleans the optic sensors on the sonde used for sampling and extended deployments causing the wiper to park over the sensor and present invalid readings. This happened on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to one of the crews on a Core sampling event. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the sonde used for sampling had the DO sensor membrane punctured and had to be replaced in the field.

## Discussion

All fieldwork activities for 2005-2007 were documented. On average there was a crew in the field 1.3 times each week. There were 3.6 sampling trips on average each month. Core sites were sampled an average of 1.6 times a month. Field activities were documented with photographs. However, a picture was not taken on every field event. Photographs were taken on each field outing from 2007. In 2005 on average there was a crew in the field 0.9 times each week and there were 2.5 sampling trips each month. Core sites were sampled an average of 1.5 times a month. In 2006 there was a crew in the field 1.5 times each week and 3.5 sampling trips each month. Core sites were sampled an average of 1.75 times a month. During 2007 there was a crew in the field 1.4 times each week and there were 4.6 sampling trips each month. Core sites were sampled an average of 1.6 times a month during 2007.

The majority of continuous monitoring stations worked without major problems. Stations that were reliable in 2005 were reliable in 2006 and 2007 with the exception of DO-20 Los Banos Creek and DO-57 Ramona Lake which were washed out by spring floods in 2006 and not repaired until late 2006 and early 2007, and DO-36 Del Puerto Creek which had a clog in the bubbler line for the last half of 2007. DO-35 Westley Wasteway Flow Station was not reliable in 2005 (in part due to illegal dumping activities blocking structures) and this station was relocated and completely remodeled and upgraded in 2006. There were a number of Starflow related problems in 2005 and a few units had to be removed and brought to UOP to troubleshoot. The QA stage at DO-38 Marshall Road Drain and DO-65 Spanish Grant Drain was not reliable from September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 until the end of the year because of the sediment buildup in the bottom of the weir structure. Occasionally leaks were found in the bubbler lines, but these were due to loose connections that were easily fixed.

Major equipment failures, such as the Starflow short circuit from DO-35 Westley Wasteway, were nearly all caused by outside factors. The short circuit in the Starflow was the result of a backhoe accidentally slicing the cable while clearing debris from the channel. At the end of 2006, when data for December was downloaded from Westside monitoring stations, a faulty data collection card failed to retrieve data from loggers at the same time caused the loggers to stop recording data for the rest of December. This error was not discovered until January 2007.

Reliability of flow data depended on the site in question. Any station that had consistency in structure, such as a weir system that is routinely cleared of debris, provided reliable flow and water quality data. Sites that had a bubbler line installed and a developed flow stage relationship supplied high quality flow data. However, if the weir was not kept clear of debris then the flow data was not reliable. DO-35 Westley Wasteway did not provide reliable data for 2005. The station was upgraded in 2006. Sites located in wetlands, such as DO-61 Deadmans Slough and DO-62 Mallard Slough, were subject to significant beaver activity and consistently had large amounts of debris (beaver dams) in front of the weir structures. This caused the water to back up behind the weir and gave low quality flow readings. These sites are being evaluated for up-grading to the use of Doppler flow meters that could be put at the outlet of the pipes and do not require a sharp-crested weir for high quality flow measurements and should be able to provide high quality flow measurements even in the presence of beaver activity.

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**Table 1: Equipment Descriptions**

<i>Device</i>	<i>Description</i>
Campbell Logger (Campbell Scientific Inc., Logan, UT)	Logger put into continuous monitoring stations. Records and stores data from EC probe, flow device, and bubbler.
H-350XL Design Analysis Logger (Design Analysis Associates Inc., Logan, UT)	Logger put into continuous monitoring stations. Records and stores data from EC probe, flow device, and bubbler.
MACE Agriflo (MACE, Sydney, Australia)	Doppler device put near bottom of channel to measure flow. This device is better for defined structures such as pipes and weir structures. Often used at monitoring stations.
Starflow (Unidata, O'Connor, Australia)	Doppler device put near bottom of channel to measure flow. This device is better for defined structures such as pipes and weir structures. Often used at monitoring stations.
Sontek (Sontek/YSI Inc., San Diego, CA)	Doppler device put in channel to measure flow. MACE units measure flow by looking out into the channel and are better for open, or natural, channel situations. Often used at monitoring stations.
H-350XL/355 Combo Bubbler (Design Analysis Associates Inc., Logan, UT)	A bubbler measures water level by detecting the pressure required to force air through a tube below the water level in the channel. In areas with a weir system a bubbler can be used to measure flow, as the height of water above the weir is proportional to the flow.
Staff Gauge (Wildlife Supply Company, Buffalo, NY)	A gauge put in a fixed location to observe water level. Often used to verify bubbler reading during QA visits.
Cal Poly ITRC Weir Stick (Cal Poly ITRC, San Luis Obispo, CA)	Scale mounted on a stick used to measure the height of the water above a weir structure. This value is then multiplied times the weir width to get flow.
EC Probe (YSI Inc., Yellow Springs, OH) (Campbell Scientific Inc., Logan, UT)	Sensor used to measure the Electrical Conductivity or Specific Conductivity of the water. Often deployed at monitoring stations in the field
YSI Sonde (YSI Inc., Yellow Springs, OH)	Multi-parameter instrument used to measure water quality. Most often used during sampling events and continuous monitoring.
Lux light meter (VWR International, West Chester, PA)	Meter used to measure light intensity.
GPS Map 188C Sounder with sonar (Garmin Intl. Inc., Olathe KS)	Global Positioning System. Used to track location when using the boat and to map out sample sites.

**Table 2: EERP Site List**

<i>DO Number</i>	<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Type</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>SJR at Channel Point</b>	Intermittent
<b>2</b>	<b>SJR at Dos Reis Park (Lathrop)</b>	Intermittent
<b>3</b>	<b>SJR at Old River</b>	Intermittent
<b>4</b>	<b>SJR at Mossdale</b>	Core sites
<b>5</b>	<b>SJR at Vernalis-McCune Station (River Club)</b>	Core sites, BMP
<b>6</b>	<b>SJR at Maze</b>	Core sites, BMP
<b>7</b>	<b>SJR at Patterson</b>	Core sites, BMP
<b>8</b>	<b>SJR at Crows Landing</b>	Core sites, BMP
<b>9</b>	<b>SJR at Fremont Ford</b>	Intermittent
<b>10</b>	<b>SJR at Lander Avenue</b>	Core sites
<b>11</b>	<b>French Camp Slough</b>	Intermittent
<b>12</b>	<b>Stanislaus River at Caswell Park</b>	Core sites
<b>13</b>	<b>Stanislaus River at Ripon</b>	Intermittent
<b>14</b>	<b>Tuolumne River at Shiloh Bridge</b>	Core sites
<b>15</b>	<b>Tuolumne River at Modesto</b>	Intermittent
<b>16</b>	<b>Merced River at River Road</b>	Core sites
<b>17</b>	<b>Merced River near Stevinson</b>	Intermittent
<b>18</b>	<b>Mud Slough near Gustine</b>	Core sites, Wetland
<b>19</b>	<b>Salt Slough at Lander Avenue</b>	Core sites, Wetland
<b>20</b>	<b>Los Banos Creek Flow Station</b>	Core sites, Wetland
<b>21</b>	<b>Orestimba Creek at River Road</b>	Core sites, BMP
<b>22</b>	<b>Modesto ID Lateral 4 to SJR</b>	Intermittent
<b>23</b>	<b>Modesto ID Lateral 5 to Tuolumne</b>	Core sites
<b>24</b>	<b>Modesto ID Lateral 6 to Stanislaus River</b>	Intermittent
<b>25</b>	<b>Modesto ID Main Drain to Stan. R. via Miller Lake</b>	Core sites
<b>26</b>	<b>Turlock ID Highline Spill</b>	Intermittent
<b>27</b>	<b>Turlock ID Lateral 2 to SJR</b>	Intermittent
<b>28</b>	<b>Turlock ID Westport Drain Flow station</b>	Core sites
<b>29</b>	<b>Turlock ID Harding Drain</b>	Core sites
<b>30</b>	<b>Turlock ID Lateral 6 &amp; 7 at Levee</b>	Core sites
<b>31</b>	<b>BCID - New Jerusalem Drain</b>	Intermittent
<b>32</b>	<b>El Solyo WD - Grayson Drain</b>	Intermittent, BMP
<b>33</b>	<b>Hospital Creek</b>	Intermittent, BMP
<b>34</b>	<b>Ingram Creek</b>	Core sites, BMP
<b>35</b>	<b>Westley Wasteway Flow Station</b>	Intermittent, BMP
<b>36</b>	<b>Del Puerto Creek Flow Station</b>	Core sites, BMP
<b>37</b>	<b>Newman Wasteway at SJR</b>	Intermittent
<b>38</b>	<b>Marshall Road Drain</b>	Intermittent, BMP
<b>39</b>	<b>Salado Creek Flow Station</b>	Intermittent, BMP
<b>40</b>	<b>Patterson Irrigation District Diversion</b>	Diversion
<b>41</b>	<b>West Stanislaus Irrigation District Diversion</b>	Diversion
<b>42</b>	<b>Banta Carbona Irrigation District Diversion</b>	Diversion
<b>43</b>	<b>El Solyo Water District Diversion</b>	Diversion

<i>DO Number</i>	<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Type</i>
44	San Luis Drain End	Core sites
45	Volta Wasteway at Ingomar Grade	Intermittent
46	Mud Slough at Gun Club Road	Intermittent, Wetland
47	Delta-Mendota Canal inlet to the Mendota Pool	Intermittent, BMP
48	San Luis Drain Site A	Intermittent
49	FC-5 - Grassland Area Farmers	Intermittent
50	PE-14 - Grasslands Area Farmers	Intermittent
51	Arroyo Canal	Intermittent
52	Salt Slough at Sand Dam	Intermittent
53	Salt Slough at Wolfsen Road	Wetland
54	Los Banos Creek at Ingomar Grade	Intermittent
55	Modesto WWTP	NPDS
56	Turlock WWTP	NPDS
57	Ramona Lake Drain	Core sites, BMP
58	San Luis Drain Site B	Intermittent
59	SJR Laird Park	Core sites
60	Moffit 1 South	Wetland
61	Deadmans Slough	Wetland
62	Mallard Slough	Wetland
63	Inlet C Canal	Wetland
64	Moran Drain	Intermittent
65	Spanish Grant Drain	Intermittent, BMP
66	ESWD Maze Blv. Drain	Intermittent, BMP
67	Newman Wasteway at Brazo Road	Intermittent
68	S-Lake Basin	Wetland
69	Santa Fe Canal	Intermittent
80	South Marsh-1-Inlet	Wetland
81	South Marsh-1-Outlet	Wetland
82	South Marsh-3-Inlet	Wetland
83	South Marsh-3-Outlet	Wetland
84	SJR at Highway 4 (Garwood Bridge Charter Way)	Intermittent
85	SJR Hills Ferry	Intermittent
86	Ramona drain Apple Ave	BMP
87	Ramona drain Prune Ave	BMP
88	Ramona drain Apricot Ave	BMP
89	Ramona drain Pomelo Ave	BMP
90	Ramona drain Almond Ave	BMP
91	Paradise drain Prune Ave	BMP
92	Paradise drain Apricot Ave	BMP
93	Paradise drain Pomelo Ave	BMP
94	Paradise drain Almond Ave	BMP
95	Ramona drain at Ramona Lake	BMP, Intermittent
96	WPF-VD-1	BMP

<i>DO Number</i>	<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Type</i>
97	WPF-VD-2	BMP
98	WPF-VD-3	BMP
99	WPF-VD-4	BMP
100	WPF-VD-5	BMP
101	WPF-UD-IN	BMP
102	WPF-UD-OUT	BMP
103	SLD Check 18	Intermittent
104	SLD Check 16	Intermittent
105	SLD Check 15	Intermittent
106	SLD Check 14	Intermittent
107	SLD Check 13	Intermittent
108	SLD Check 12	Intermittent
109	SLD Check 11	Intermittent
110	SLD Check 10	Intermittent
111	SLD Check 9	Intermittent
112	SLD Check 8	Intermittent
113	SLD Check 7	Intermittent
114	SLD Check 6	Intermittent
115	SLD Check 5	Intermittent
116	SLD Check 4	Intermittent
117	SLD Check 3	Intermittent
118	SLD Check 2	Intermittent
119	SLD Check 1	Intermittent
120	South Marsh-1-Intermediary	Wetland
121	South Marsh-1-East	Wetland
122	South Marsh-1-West	Wetland
123	Ramona Lake NW Quad	BMP
124	Ramona Lake NE Quad	BMP
125	Ramona Lake SW Quad	BMP
126	Ramona Lake SE Quad	BMP
127	SJR at Brant Bridge	Intermittent
128	SJR Brickyard Site	Intermittent
129	Hollow Tree drain	Wetland
130	Marshall Reservoir inlet	BMP
131	Marshall Reservoir outlet	BMP
132	Marshall RR Pond-1-West	BMP
133	Marshall RR Pond-2-East	BMP
135	MID Main Drain Spill	Intermittent

January 13, 2005

**SLD Sampling Event**

Sampling for SLD sites. The crew sampled the check stations along the San Luis Drain.

**DO-50 San Luis Drain Site A  
(Check 17)**

A stretch of the San Luis Drain  
near Site A.



**DO-104 San Luis Drain Check 16**

Water flowing over a weir structure  
at a check station along the San Luis  
Drain.

February 01, 2005

### **Sampling Site Scouting Trip**

The crew spent the day scouting sample site locations with Randy Dahlgren (UC Davis).



#### **DO-06 SJR at Maze**

Maze Blvd crossing the San Joaquin River.



#### **DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander**

Sharon Borglin is returning from scouting out the sample site at DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander.



#### **DO-12 Stanislaus River at Caswell**

Randy Dahlgren (UC Davis) pointing out a sample location along the Stanislaus River.



#### **DO-14 Tuolumne River at Shiloh**

Photo showing the crew's vehicle near Shiloh Bridge over the Tuolumne.

February 03, 2005

**Grasslands Station Maintenance and QA**

Met with Lara Sparks (Grasslands Water District/Department of Fish and Game) and Rich Wright (California Water Fowl Association) to assist with stream ratings and station maintenance at the DO sites they manage within the Grasslands water district.

**DO-20 Los Banos Creek Flow Station**

Picture showing the wood bridge over Los Banos Creek. The bridge was washed out in late 2005.



**Kesterson Unit**

Flooded wetland in the Kesterson unit of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.



February 04, 2005

### **Boat Survey**

The crew spent the day surveying sites by boat along the San Joaquin River from Stockton to DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain with Gary Litton (University of the Pacific).



### **Gary Litton's Sampling Boat**

Gary Litton surveying sites along the San Joaquin River.



### **Aeration Facility**

Aeration facility near channel point in the Deep Water Ship Channel.



### **Input into San Joaquin River**

Picture depicting a point source into the San Joaquin River.



### **San Joaquin River**

A view from the back of Gary Litton's boat.



March 08, 2005

**TID and MID Meeting**

The crew met with Kieth Larson (TID) and Michael Niemi (MID) to look for possible sampling locations within Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District.



**DO-26 TID Highline Spill**

Highline Spill is managed by the Turlock Irrigation District. Flow data is collected from this site.



**DO-27 TID Lat 2 to SJR**

TID Lat 2 before spilling into the San Joaquin River.



**DO-23 MID Lat 5 to the Tuolumne**

Paradise Road crossing MID Lat 5 to the Tuolumne.



**DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Photo showing Miller Lake.

March 10, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-18 Mud Slough Near Gustine**

Photo of Mud Slough in the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.

**DO-16 Merced River at River Road**

Merced River is sampled from the Old Bridge using a bucket to collect the sample water.



March 24, 2005

### **Dye Study**

Dye study along the San Joaquin River with Gary Litton (University of the Pacific).



#### **Gary Litton's Sampling Boat**

Gary Litton preparing to release and track the dye in the San Joaquin River.



#### **DO-05 SJR at Vernalis**

When the dye is first dispensed it causes the river to take on a red hue.



#### **DO-05 SJR at Vernalis**

Gary Litton and crew tracking the dye as it moves downstream.

March 31, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander**

Will Stringfellow and a Student Intern setting up the PAR sensors to record a light measurement.



**DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander**

Sampling crew recording light measurements from the PAR meters.



**DO-08 SJR at Crows Landing**

Sampling crew getting ready to go to the next sample location.



**DO-08 SJR at Crows Landing**

The bridge at SJR at Crows Landing was used before crews had permission to use the dock at the Turlock Sportsman's Club.



April 21, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-36 Del Puerto Creek**

Picture of the sample location at Del Puerto Creek.



**DO-06 SJR at Maze**

The San Joaquin River near Maze Blvd.



**DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander**

Sample location at Salt Slough near Lander Ave.



**DO-08 SJR at Crows Landing**

Sample location under the bridge at DO-08 San Joaquin River at Crows Landing.

April 27, 2005

**Wetland Station Maintenance**

Performed maintenance on Wetland stations. Stations were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA.



**San Luis National Wildlife Refuge**  
Picture of a coyote in the wetlands.



**DO-62 Mallard Slough**  
Mallard Slough from inside the Elk Pasture.



**DO-61 Deadmans Slough**  
Photo of debris placed over the weir structure by beavers.



**DO-63 Inlet C Canal**  
Sample site at Inlet C Canal which is the source water for the wetlands.

May 05, 2005

**Core Sampling Event and Sampling Site Scouting Trip**

Sampling for core sites. Will Stringfellow and Gary Litton spent the day scouting sample site locations.



**DO-32 Grayson Drain**

Water flowing through El Solyo Water District's Grayson Drain.



**DO-39 Salado Creek**

A segment of Salado Creek near the flow station flows underground through pipes and can be accessed by openings like the one pictured above.



**DO-05 San Joaquin River at Vernalis**

Stilling wells for the instruments used by DWR at their Vernalis flow station.



**Abandoned Vehicle**

Photo of an abandoned vehicle the crew found while scouting potential sample sites.



May 17, 2005

### **Westside Station Maintenance**

Performed maintenance on Westside stations. DO-35 Westley Wasteway, DO-33 Hospital Creek and DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA. The Starflow was removed from Westley Wasteway to troubleshoot. Bubbler connector was leaking. It was reassembled and tested for leaks, but none were found.



### **DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen**

Sample location on Wolfsen bridge over Salt Slough. The EC cable was replaced at this site.

### **DO-33 Hospital Creek**

Flow station shed at DO-33 Hospital Creek.





May 19, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites. The crew sampled DO-12 Stanislaus River at Caswell from the beach in an eddy and DO-28 Westport Drain was sampled from Jennings Road.



**DO-59 SJR at Laird Park**

Sample location along the San Joaquin River at Laird Park.



**DO-05 SJR at Vernalis**

DWR flow station at Vernalis.



**DO-06 SJR at Maze**

San Joaquin River at Maze blvd.

May 23-27, 2005

### **Confined Space Training**

Jeremy Hanlon, Will Stringfellow, and Jesse Merkel attended a confined space training course with the Stockton Fire Department. Confined spaces are a routine part of Westside maintenance and they require special training to enter them.



### **Confined Space Training**

Photo showing one of the class members crawling over another member inside a concrete pipe.



### **Confined Space Training**

Will Stringfellow with all of his safety equipment getting ready to go into an underground confined space.



### **Confined Space Training**

Jeremy Hanlon about to be lowered down a grain silo to rescue a pretend victim at the bottom of the silo.



### **Port of Stockton**

Class members inside of a concrete ship performing a staged rescue.

June 02, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-04 SJR at Mossdale**

Picture of the train bridge over the San Joaquin River at Mossdale.



**DO-28 TID Westport Drain**

Westport Drain showing where old flow station had been washed out in the previous year.



**DO-14 Tuolumne River at Shiloh Bridge**

Sampling crew member collecting water quality samples from the Tuolumne River.



**DO-06 SJR at Maze**

Pump platform where the crew collects water quality samples.



June 16, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-29 Harding Drain**

EERP van parked on the bridge over Harding Drain.



**DO-04 SJR at Mossdale**

Jesse Merkel and Student Intern collecting samples from the San Joaquin River.



**DO-05 SJR at Vernalis**

The sampling crew is getting ready to head to the next sampling location.



**DO-07 SJR at Patterson**

Sampling crew collecting a sample on the boat ramp.

June 30, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-18 Mud Slough near Gustine**

Flow station shed on Mud Slough. The station is maintained by USGS.



**DO-16 Merced River at River Road**

Sampling crews collect water samples from the old historic Merced River bridge at River Road.



**DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander Ave**

Picture looking upstream from the sampling location at Salt Slough at Lander Ave.



**DO-04 SJR at Mossdale**

Sampling crews collect water samples from the boat ramp floating dock at Mossdale Crossing Regional Park.

July 06, 2005

### **SLD Dye Study**

Dye study along the San Luis Drain. The study started at the bridge upstream of Check 17. The crew collected readings of Rhodamine dye with the Hydrolab Multiprobe.



#### **DO-103 San Luis Drain Check 18**

Gary Litton setting up the Rhodamine dye to be dispensed into the San Luis Drain.



#### **DO-104 San Luis Drain Check 16**

Garry Litton and Jesse Merkel preparing to deploy a Hydrolab Multiprobe into the San Luis Drain.



#### **DO-103 San Luis Drain Check 18**

Rhodamine dye was added to the San Luis Drain tinting the water with a red hue.



#### **DO-50 San Luis Drain Site A (Check 17)**

Gary Litton deploying a Hydrolab Multiprobe into the San Luis Drain just upstream of Check 17.



July 14, 2005

### **Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites. While at DO-25 MID Miller Lake the sampling crew noticed a fish kill near the inlet to Miller Lake. The crew recoded Sonde data along the canal to determine the cause of the fish kill.



### **Wildflowers**

Many sample sites are surrounded by weeds and wildflowers like the one pictured above.



### **DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Dead fish floating in the canal at the inlet to Miller Lake.



### **DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Cattle in the canal just upstream of the fish kill.



### **DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Sampling crew collecting data just upstream of the fish kill.

July 28, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Often times Miller Lake has a large amount of Duckweed floating on its surface.



**DO-36 Del Puerto Creek.**

The photo is depicting the bubbler line, EC line, and staff gauge located in Del Puerto Creek.



**DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander Ave**

Salt Slough flowing under the bridge.



**DO-28 TID Westport Drain**

The sample location for Westport Drain is downstream of the flume structure and can be accessed from the levee road.



August 02, 2005

**Westside Station Maintenance**

Performed maintenance on Westside stations. DO-38 Marshall Drain, DO-64 Moran Drain, DO-65 Spanish Grant Drain, DO-57 Ramona Lake, DO-36 Del Puerto Creek, DO-35 Westley Wasteway, DO-34 Ingram Creek, and DO-33 Hospital Creek were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA. The Starflow at Westley Wasteway was reinstalled.



**DO-35 Westley Wasteway**  
Weir structure confining the water in a pond at Westley Wasteway.

**DO-34 Ingram Creek**  
Weir structure at DO-34 Ingram Creek.



August 11, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-18 Mud Slough near Gustine**

Photo of Mud Slough meandering through the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.



**DO-21 Orestimba Creek**

Water quality samples for Orestimba Creek are collected under the bridge next the flow station.



**DO-44 San Luis Drain End**

Weir structure at the end of the San Luis Drain.

August 17, 2005

**Intermittent Sampling Site Scouting**

Jeremy Hanlon and Jesse Merkel scouted out potential sample sites for intermittent sample events.



**DO-15 Tuolumne River at Modesto**  
Flow station at the Tuolumne River at Modesto.



**DO-15 Tuolumne River at Modesto**  
Transients living along the banks of the Tuolumne River near the flow station.



**DO-24 MID Lat 6 to Stanislaus**  
Jeremy Hanlon standing next to MID Lat 6.



**DO-13 Stanislaus River at Ripon**  
Jeremy Hanlon looking for a potential access point to collect a water quality sample.



August 18, 2005

**Intermittent Sampling Event**  
Sampling for Intermittent sites.



**DO-52 Salt Slough at Sand Dam**  
Sample location at Salt Slough at Sand Dam.



**DO-20 Los Banos Creek**  
Student Interns collecting water quality samples and taking notes at Los Banos Creek.



**DO-17 Merced River at Stevinson**  
Jeremy Hanlon and Student Intern collecting sonde and flow data from the Merced River.



**DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander Ave**  
Student Intern collecting water quality samples.

August 23, 2005

**San Luis Drain TOC Study**

Sampling for the San Luis Drain TOC Study.

**DO-44 San Luis Drain End**

Jeremy Hanlon and Will Stringfellow setting up the Hydrolab Multiprobe with the laptop.



**DO-44 San Luis Drain End**  
Photo of the San Luis Drain End.

August 25, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-04 SJR at Mossdale**  
Student Intern setting up the  
LUX meter to collect light  
data.



**DO-04 SJR at Mossdale**  
Sample location at San Joaquin  
River at Mossdale.



September 06, 2005

### **Westside Station Maintenance and San Luis Drain TOC Study**

Performed maintenance on Westside stations. Stations were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA. The Starflow was removed from DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain to troubleshoot back at the lab. The Hydrolab Multiprobe instruments were picked up after being deployed for the San Luis Drain TOC Study.



#### **DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain**

Jesse Merkel setting up the equipment for confined space entry.



#### **DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain**

Weir structure, bubbler line, and EC probe in the bottom of the manhole at New Jerusalem Drain.



#### **DO-50 PE-14 Grasslands Area Farmers**

Jesse Merkel collecting the instruments that were deployed in the headwaters to the San Luis Drain.



#### **DO-50 PE-14 Grasslands Area Farmers**

Pictures of a Hydrolab Multiprobe after being deployed in the headwaters to the San Luis Drain.

September 08, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-12 Stanislaus River at Caswell**  
Sample location along the Stanislaus in Caswell Park.



**DO-25 MID Miller Lake**  
Picture looking downstream of weir structure at Miller Lake.



**DO-07 SJR at Patterson**  
Photo of the boat ramp and low water near the pump platform at Patterson.



September 20, 2005

**Boat Training Event**

Jeremy Hanlon and Will Stringfellow took the EERP boat out for a test drive along the San Joaquin River.



**San Joaquin River**

Will Stringfellow getting ready to try out the EERP boat.



**San Joaquin River**

Jeremy Hanlon taking his turn at piloting the boat.



**San Joaquin River**

View from the back of the boat.



**San Joaquin River**

Will Stringfellow piloting the boat around the San Joaquin River.

September 22, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-04 SJR at Mossdale**  
San Joaquin River at Mossdale.



**DO-06 SJR at Maze**  
Water quality samples are collected off of the pump platform at Maze.



**DO-10 SJR at Lander Ave**  
Sampling location at DO-10 San Joaquin River at Lander Ave.



**DO-08 SJR at Crows Landing**  
San Joaquin River from the dock at the Turlock Sportsmans Club.

September 29, 2005

**Intermittent Sampling Event**  
Sampling for Intermittent sites.



**DO-32 El Solyo Water District Grayson Drain**

Photo of one of the many field hazards encountered during sampling trips.



**DO-32 El Solyo Water District Grayson Drain**

Jesse Merkel preparing to collect sonde data from Grayson Drain.



**DO-66 El Solyo Water District Maze Blvd Drain**

Sample location at Maze Blvd Drain. The drain is next to DO-06 SJR at Maze.



**DO-66 El Solyo Water District Maze Blvd Drain**

Picture of the EERP van parked next to the sampling site.



October 04, 2005

**Wetland Sampling Event**  
Sampling for wetland sites.



**DO-63 Inlet C Canal**  
Inlet C Canal supplies water to the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.



**South Marsh 1**  
Photo of South Marsh 1 when it is flooded.



**DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander**  
Sample location at DO-19 Salt Slough at Lander Ave.



**DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen**  
Flow station on Salt Slough at Wolfsen bridge.

October 05, 2005

### **Westside Station Maintenance**

Performed maintenance on Westside stations. Stations were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA. The Starflow at DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain was reinstalled.



### **DO-38 Marshall Drain**

Chris Linneman (Summers Engineering) collecting stage and flow QA data from the bottom of the Marshall Drain manhole.

### **DO-36 Del Puerto Creek**

Chris Linneman performing a flow rating at Del Puerto Creek.



October 06, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-18 Mud Slough near Gustine**

Samples are taken at the bridge that crosses over Mud Slough in the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.



**DO-16 Merced River at River Road**

Merced River from the old bridge.



**DO-29 TID Harding Drain**

Water flowing over the weir structure in Harding Drain.



**DO-28 TID  
Westport Drain**

Water flowing through the concrete flume.



October 11, 2005

**Wetland Sampling Event**

Sampling for wetland sites. A Starflow unit was installed at DO-62 Mallard Slough.



**DO-81 South Marsh 1 Outlet**

Sampling crew are preparing to collect a sample.



**DO-62 Mallard Slough**

Photo taken from inside the culvert under the road.



**DO-62 Mallard Slough**

Underwater picture of the newly installed Starflow unit at DO-62 Mallard Slough.



**DO-81 South Marsh 1 Outlet**

Sonde data is being collected at the outlet structure in South Marsh 1.

October 13, 2005

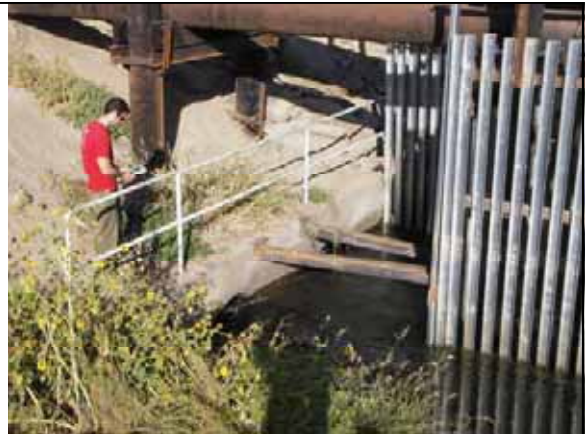
**Intermittent Sampling Event**

Sampling for Intermittent sites.



**DO-67 Newman Wasteway at Brazo Road**

Jesse Merkel collecting sonde data at Newman Wasteway.



**DO-30 TID Lat 6 and 7**

Jesse Merkel deploying the sonde to collect data from TID Lat 6 and 7 before it flows under the levee.



**DO-31 BCID New Jerusalem Drain**

Sampling crew preparing to collect a sample from New Jerusalem Drain.



**DO-35 Westley Wasteway**

Westley Wasteway just upstream of the flow station.



October 18, 2005

**Wetland Sampling Event**  
Sampling for wetland sites.



**DO-82 South Marsh 3 Inlet**  
The inlet to the permanent wetland.



**DO-60 Moffit 1 South**  
Beaver debris often clogs up the weir structure which has to be cleared.



**DO-62 Mallard Slough**  
Mallard Slough in the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.



**DO-61 Deadmans Slough**  
Sonde data is being collected at the outlet of DO-61 Deadmans Slough.

October 20, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites. There was very little flow at Miller Lake because it was being drained.



**DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Water being pumped out of Miller Lake.



**DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Very low water level in Miller Lake.



**DO-25 MID Miller Lake**

Photo showing very little flow under the levee from Miller Lake.



**DO-14 Tuolumne River at Shiloh**

Student Intern collecting water quality samples from the Tuolumne River.



October 25, 2005

### **Wetland Sampling Event**

Sampling for wetland sites. Weir boards at DO-60 Moffit 1 South were cleared and the data was downloaded from the station.



**DO-60 Moffit 1 South**  
Jesse Merkel cleaning off the weir boards.



### **DO-62 Mallard Slough**

Photo of what the beavers will do to a weir board if the top is not encased in a metal bracket.



### **DO-60 Moffit 1 South**

Metal brackets were added to the weir boards to prevent the beavers from chewing the boards.

October 27, 2005

**Intermittent Sampling Event**

Sampling for Intermittent sites.



**DO-67 Newman Wasteway at Brazo Road**

Sample location along Newman Wasteway.



**DO-35 Westley Wasteway**

Outflow from the culvert under the road at Westley Wasteway.



**DO-31 BCID New Jerusalem Drain**

Outlet of New Jerusalem Drain before it goes into the San Joaquin River.



**DO-66 El Solyo Water District Maze Drain**

Sampling crew storing the gear before heading to the next sample site.



November 02, 2005

### **Westside Station Maintenance**

Performed maintenance on Westside stations. Stations were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA. Chris Linneman (Summers Engineering) installed concrete anchors for the bubbler pipe in Moran Drain.



**DO-64 Moran Drain**  
Chris Linneman  
(Summers Engineering)  
drilling anchors into the  
concrete to stabilize  
bubbler pipe.



### **DO-36 Del Puerto Creek**

Chris Linneman (Summers Engineering) performing a flow rating at Westley Wasteway while Liz Vonckx (Tetra Tech) cleans the EC probe.





November 08, 2005

**Wetland Sampling Event**

Sampling for wetland sites.



**DO-63 Inlet C Canal**

Samples are collected off of the walkway going over the Inlet C Canal.



**DO-60 Moffit 1 South**

Flow station at DO-60 Moffit 1 South.



**DO-80 Marsh 1 Inlet**

Picture of the inlet to temporary Marsh 1. Flow into the wetland is controlled by a screw gate.



**DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen**

Flow station at DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen.

November 10, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites. DO-25 Miller Lake was dry and no sample was collected.



**DO-07 SJR at Patterson**

Student Intern collecting water quality samples from the pump platform.



**DO-07 SJR at Patterson**

Sample vehicle parked next to the pump platform at San Joaquin River at Patterson.



**DO-29 TID Harding Drain**

Student Intern is collecting a water quality sample using the bucket method.



**DO-29 TID Harding Drain**

Water is flowing through a hole in the middle of the weir structure instead of over the top.

November 29, 2005

**Wetland Sampling Event**

Sampling for wetland sites. DO-62 Mallard Slough was not sampled because the crew was locked out.



**DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen**  
Flow station on Salt Slough at Wolfsen.

**DO-63 Inlet C Canal**  
Photo showing DO-63 Inlet C Canal.





November 30, 2005

**Westside Station Maintenance**

Performed maintenance on Westside stations. DO-38 Marshall Drain, DO-64 Moran Drain, DO-65 Spanish Grant Drain, DO-57 Ramona Lake, DO-36 Del Puerto Creek, DO-35 Westley Wasteway, DO-34 Ingram Creek, DO-33 Hospital Creek, and DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA.



**Three Drain Site**  
Flow station at the Three Drain site.

**DO-35 Westley Wasteway**

Photo showing Westley Wasteway just upstream of the flow station.





December 01, 2005

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites.



**DO-12 Stanislaus River at Caswell Park**  
Sample site along the Stanislaus River in Caswell Park.



**DO-44 SLD End**  
Weir structure at the end of the San Luis Drain.



**DO-21 Orestimba Creek**  
The sample location for Orestimba Creek is under the bridge next to the flow station.



**DO-07 SJR at Patterson**  
Photo of the San Joaquin River taken from the Patterson pump platform.

December 13, 2005

**Wetland Sampling Event**

Sampling for wetland sites.



**DO-81 South Marsh 1 Outlet**

Jesse Merkel is collecting a water sample from the temporary wetland.



**DO-82 South Marsh 3 Inlet**

The sonde is deployed in a float to prevent it from disturbing the sediments along the bottom of the sample site.



**DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen**

Picture of the SonTek after being deployed in Salt Slough for a length of time.



**DO-83 South Marsh 3 Outlet**

Sample crew collecting sonde data and water quality samples from the outlet of the permanent wetland.

January 9, 2006

#### **Grasslands Station Maintenance and QA**

Met with Lara Sparks (Grasslands Water District/Department of Fish and Game) to assist her with stream ratings and equipment issues at the DO sites she manages within the Grasslands water district.

*DO-20 Los Banos Creek Flow Station:* Arrived to find old bridge completely washed out and dangling downstream from the instrument cables. Used rope and truck to pull bridge onto east bank of stream. Removed Sontek and pulled cable into pipe along with EC probe. Disconnected bubbler orifice and pulled pipe up onto shore. Brought Sontek unit in for cleaning and functionality check. Equipment was functional.

*DO-68 S-Lake basin and Hollow tree Drain:* S-Lake was at flood stage, boards for platform where the staff gauge was attached were floating. Hyacinth was 2+ft thick. EC probe was lifted out of water by Hyacinth. Keller Pressure Transducer in Hollowtree was non-functional. Measured length of cable for replacement sensor.

*DO-46 MudSlough at Gun Club Rd.:* Flood stage. Staff gauge was completely submerged by several inches.



**Coyote in Wetland**  
Typical wildlife encountered during wetland trips.



January 11, 2006

### **Westside Station Maintenance and QA**

Met with Chris Linneman (Summers Engineering) and Kyle Kearney (Tetra Tech) at the 'three drains site' DO-38 Marshall Drain, DO-64 Moran Drain, and DO-65 Spanish Grant Drain for routine Westside station maintenance. In addition to the above sites, DO-36 DelPuerto Creek, DO-33 Hospital Creek, DO-35 Westley Wasteway, and DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain were visited for data downloads, cleaning, flow, EC, and temperature QA.



### **DO-34 Ingram Creek**

(left) Student Intern, Kyle Kearney, Jeremy Hanlon, and Chris Linneman removing EC probe which had been encased in sediment. (right) Chris and Jeremy clearing away sediment buildup.

### **DO-38 Marshall Drain**

Chris is preparing for his confined space entry to make flow measurements while Kyle cleans the YSI EC probe from the surface.





January 17, 2006

**SLNWR Station Maintenance**

Data downloads and station maintenance/QA performed at DO-60 Moffit, DO-61 Deadmans Slough, DO-62 Mallard Slough, and DO-63 Inlet C canal.



**Ducks flying over refuge**

Waterfowl were often seen flying around the refuge.

January 19, 2006

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites. Picture taken from DO-05 SJR at Vernalis from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) McClune station platform looking north, shows San Joaquin River (SJR) swollen with runoff from recent rains.



**DO-05 SJR at Vernalis**

Debris caught on DWR platform pylons.



**DO-28 TID Westport Drain Flow station**

Newly Installed flume and SCADA monitoring system, about 300 ft downstream of the previous station location.



**DO-36 Del Puerto Creek monitoring site**

Streambed is dry despite recent rains and high levels in SJR.



**DO-06 SJR at Maze Blvd.**

El Solyo pump platform submerged under swollen SJR.

January 26, 2006

**Wetlands Sampling Event**  
Sampling for wetland sites.



**DO-61 Deadmans Slough**

Picture taken at DO-61 Deadmans Slough in the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge. William Stringfellow is taking YSI sonde measurements. Additional measurements were taken throughout the wetlands sampling area.



January 31, 2006

### Station Maintenance

DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain was visited in response to the discovery of a leaky bubbler line. The Swagelok fitting was removed and properly re-inserted, the connection was tightened, and checked for leaks. No leaks were found. The weir was rated for correlation to the bubbler reading. DO-34 Ingram Creek was visited to remove some of the sediment from behind the weir-board. The Sontek Doppler instrument at DO-53 Salt Slough at Wolfsen Road was re-installed because the mounting had been discovered to be completely rusted through the previous month. A new mount with stainless steel attachments was used. Met with Karl Stromayer of USFWS while at DO-53 to discuss upcoming training on station maintenance and QA procedures.



### DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain

(left) Station house on top of levee with SJR behind. Ropes are rigged for lowering or belaying confined space entrant. (right) Rope system rigged for hauling up of confined space entrant.

### DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain

Shows location of bubbler line orifice and YSI EC meter just upstream of weirboards. The unusually clear water here made the Starflow unable to read velocity and so it was removed and eventually upgraded to a MACE Agriflo unit that was placed downstream of the weirboards.





February 2, 2006

#### **Grasslands Station Maintenance and QA**

Met with Lara Sparks (Grasslands Water District/Department of Fish and Game) to assist her with stream ratings and QA at the DO sites she manages within the Grasslands water district. DO-45 Volta Wasteway Flow station staff gauge had been mounted to wood post that rotted away. The staff gauge was re-installed and anchored directly to a pole on the bridge with stainless steel clamps.



#### **Stream Ratings**

Pictures taken at DO-68 S-Lake Basin Monitoring site with Jeremy Hanlon and Lara Sparks performing a stream rating. Ratings were made at DO-68 S-Lake basin, Hollow tree Drain, DO-46 Mud Slough at Gun Club, and DO-45 Volta Wasteway Flow station.

February 8, 2006

#### **Westside Station Maintenance**

Accompanied Kyle Kearney (Tetra Tech) to Westside stations and performed flow measurements. Added weir board to DO-38 Marshal Road Drain, DO-64 Moran Drain, and DO-65 Spanish Drain. DO-35 Westley Wasteway Flow station DA logger was not communicating with YSI EC probe. Removed Logger for inspection and testing at UOP. At DO-57 Ramona Lake noted that the cable the YSI EC probe hung from was almost rusted out. Measured length for replacement.



#### **DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain**

Installed new MACE Agriflow Doppler flow meter. Note new smaller solar panel in picture (left) provides 6V power supply for Agriflo unit. Picture of water flowing over weir boards (top right) and picture looking upstream of pipe under levee (bottom right).

February 14, 2006

### **Westside Station Repairs**

Returned to DO-31 New Jerusalem Drain to update Firmware on new MACE Agriflo unit so it would correctly output SDI-12 to the DA logger.

Returned to DO-35 Westley Wasteway Flow station to re-install DA logger after ensuring it was functioning properly with equipment at UOP. Found that the cable to the Starflow Doppler flow meter had been sliced open while a backhoe was clearing debris from the channel. Determined that the destroyed Starflow Doppler flow meter was causing a short circuit and making the logger freeze every time it tried to take a measurement. Disconnecting the cable solved the problem.



**Starflow Doppler flow meter**  
Picture of Sontek Doppler flow meter with protective tubing around cord. The Starflow is put on the bottom of the channel to measure flow.

February 23, 2006

**Core Sampling Event**

Sampling for core sites. All sites were accessible and no problems were encountered.



**DO-07 San Joaquin River at Patterson**  
Picture of Jeremy Hanlon's truck near the pump platform.



March 2, 2006

**Wetland sampling event**

Sampling for wetland sites. In addition to collecting grab samples, data was downloaded from the stations and QA measurements were taken. Beaver dams and other debris were cleared from weir boards where possible.

**Beaver Activity**

Picture of beaver dam at DO-60 Moffit 1 South. Debris and beaver activity clogged the weirs which often had to be cleared.



March 8, 2006

**Westside Station Maintenance and QA**

Accompanied Kyle Kearney (Tetra Tech) to provide support for safe entry into confined spaces. Took flow measurements. Added one 2x8 board to each of the three drains sites DO-38 Marshall Road Drain, DO-64 Moran Drain, and DO-65 Spanish Grant Drain. DO-34 Ingram creek, repositioned rocks in stream to help avoid siltation of EC probe.



**DO-33 Hospital Creek**

Close-up photo of installation showing bubbler pipe, EC meter in cage, and stream gauge all just upstream of weirboard.



**DO-33 Hospital Creek**

Student Intern in foreground with Kyle Kearney in station.